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### Press Release

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### **Life Saving *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization Begins May 19th *Middletown Kicks Off High Visibility Enforcement***

Middletown, Connecticut – Middletown Police Department wants to remind motorists to *Click-It or Ticket*. In order to enforce this reminder, Middletown Police will be stepping up enforcement beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Middletown Police Department's efforts are part of a larger, national *Click It or Ticket* mobilization that runs May 19 – June 1. As motorists take to the roads to celebrate the long Memorial Day weekend, law enforcement officials across the nation will be ensuring that everyone buckles up.

Memorial Day weekend kicks off summer vacation season, and we want to ensure that everyone arrives at their destination safe and sound. If you are not wearing your seat belt, you will be ticketed.

According to new data released from the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), fatalities are up nationwide for the first time in five years. In 2012, 10,335 people who were killed in motor vehicle crashes were not wearing their seat belts. NHTSA data also details how more traffic vehicle deaths occur at night. In 2012, 61 percent of passenger vehicle occupants killed during the nighttime hours of 6:00 p.m. – 5:59 a.m. were not wearing their seat belts.

We are determined to help bring these numbers down.

For more information on the *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, please visit [www.nhtsa.gov/ciot](http://www.nhtsa.gov/ciot).

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